what follow-up action has been taken in the above two cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (d) Detention orders under the COFEPOSA Act, 1974 were passed against S/Shri Abdulla Gani and Rattan Lal Didwania as referred to in the newspaper report of Indian Express dated 20th May, 1989. However, the case of Shri Abdulla Gani was subsequently reviewed by the Central Government in the light of a representation filed on his behalf. Having regard to the fact that the evidence against Shri Abdulla Gani was mainly circumstantial, the detention order was revoked. The newspaper report indicates that the Hospital in Cochin was inaugurated by the J&K Chief Minister, Dr. Farook Abdulla.

The detention order passed against Shri Ratan Lal Didwania has not been revoked, and the same is pending execution. Shri Ratan Lal Didwania has been declared as a proclaimed absconder under section 7 of the COFEPOSA Act, 1974. Departmental proceedings are in progress in both the cases.

Financial irregularities committed by the Police Commissioner, Delhi

1036. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Police Commissioner, Delhi failed to avail of the discount of Rs. 32,000 offered by a contractor for supply of cars for security purposes etc., because of the delay in clearing the bills;

(b) whether he also lost a sum of Rs. 2,54,000 from a contractor for breach of contract, because no legal notice was served on him;

(c) whether it is also a fact that he also incurred an extra expenditure of Rs. 1,57,000 due to acceptance of higher rates of another contractor for supply of cars; and

(d) if the answer to part (a), (b) and (c) be in the affirmative, what are the details in this regard and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India has made certain adverse observations upon the Delhi Police on hiring of vehicles. The matter is under examination.

Smuggled goods seized at Delhi, Bombay and Madras airports

1037. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) total value of smuggled goods seized at Delhi, Bombay and Madras airports during the period from January 1987 till March 1989;

(b) the number of persons apprehended in this connection and the details of punishment given; and

(c) the number of employees of Indian Airlines and Air India found involved in these crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The total value of contraband goods seized by the Customs authorities at Delhi, Bombay and Madras Airports during

the period from January 1987 till March 1989 is given below:—

Name of the Airport	Value of goods seized (Rs. in crore)
Delhi . . .	21.47
Bombay . .	131.57
Madras . .	18.10

(b) 2476 persons have been arrested in this connection. Persons found to be involved in smuggling activities are liable for prosecution in a court of law apart from being penalised in departmental proceedings. Detention under the provisions of the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974 has also been resorted to in suitable cases.

(c) 8 employees of the Indian Airlines and 9 of Air India have been found involved in smuggling activities during the above period.

Seizure of gold and unaccounted money

1038. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the total quantity of gold and unaccounted money unearthed or seized by the Revenue Intelligence Department and Customs authorities during the years 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): The quantum of gold and the value of Indian and foreign currency seized by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and the Customs authorities during the years 1986-87, 1987-88, and 1988-89 are given in the table below:—

Year	Quantity of gold seized (in Kgs.)	Value of gold seized (Rs. in lakhs)	Value of currency seized (Rs. in lakhs)
1986-87	2288	5279	971
1987-88	2388	7625	1159
1988-89	8086	26443	1012

LIC investments in housing

1039. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total LIC investments in housing and in the industrial enterprises of each of the 20 large industrial houses as on March 31, 1989; and

(b) the details of Statewise LIC investment in housing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO):